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1872

John Richter Farm and Tannery Accident Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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John Kichte	r Farm & Tannery		····	
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STREET & NUMBER				
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Accident STATE	_ _	VICINITY OF	6th	
Maryland	COUNTY Garrett County			
CLASSIFIC	ATION			
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENT USE
DISTRICT	PUBLIC	XOCCUPIED .	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK
STRUCTURE	BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	XPRIVATE RESIDE
_SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATI
		X.no	MILITARY	OTHER:
OWNER OF	PROPERTY			-
NAME				
	Richter (Now Thomas Ge	org)	Telephone #:	
Albert G. R	Richter (Now Thomas Ge	org)	Telephone #:	
	Richter (Now Thomas Ge	org)		ip code
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CORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Richter Farm and Tannery is located on the N side of Accident-Bittinger Road, on the outskirts of the town of Accident. The site consists of house, barn, several outbuildings and the large tannery.

The house is a two-story, gable-roofed dwelling with a three-bay, center-door facade. The facade points S. A one-story, shed-roofed porch covers the facade door, and an enclosed porch covers the first floor of the N elevation.

The house rests on a low stone foundation and is covered with aluminum siding. The house has one over one sash windows and all surrounds have been obscured. A large oval beveled glass pane is set into the facade door.

The roof is covered with corrugated metal and the house has one exterior brick stove chimney on the E gable end. The facade porch roof is supported by wooden Roman Doric columns.

The interior is arranged around an enclosed central staircase. Each floor has rooms.

North and east of the house is a one-story, rectangular, gable-roofed building, used in the past as a summer kitchen. The summer kitchen has entrances on the S, W, & N elevation and is covered with white german siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has exposed rafter ends. An interior brick stove chimney emerges from the center of the roof.

N of the house is another small gable-roofed outbuilding, and NW of the house is a small privy.

A hedge separates_the house and its outbuildings from the tannery to the N. The tannery is a large, gable-roofed, 2-story, ell-plan building, braced on its W elevation by two diagonal wooden poles. The entrance to the tannery is on the N end of the E elevation, and the ell extends from the N end of the W elevation.

The tannery rests on a field-stone foundation and its hand-hewn frame walls are covered with vertical board siding and red asphalt roll siding. The windows are six over six sash, without surrounds. The door retains its original lock, and the stone stoop is carved with the initials AJR, AR, and an unreadable date. The tannery is roofed with tar paper and has one interior brick chimney near the N end.

The S end of the tannery has a large double door on the E elevation and appears to have been used for storage. The entrance door at the N end of the E elevation opens onto a workroom which contains the pits dug for two fresh-water tanning vats, one the S of the door, and one to the W of the door (see plan). A plank walkway spans the W vat to a door which leads to a large workroom in the ell. On the W wall of this room is a staircase which leads to the second-floor workrooms. All walls are finished without the spring of 1981.

N of the tannery is a large gable-roofed, ell plan bank barn. The bank entrance points N. T_{he} ell extends from the W end of the S elevation and brick silo occupies CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	XINDUSTRY _INVENTION	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
SPECIFIC DAT	ES 1872	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT John L. R	ichter

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Richter Farm and Tannery is significant as the only surviving example of what was a thriving industry in the 19th century Accident. The Richter Tannery was the third tannery to be built in Accident the others were built prior to 1860; however, by 1885 the Richter tannery was the only tannery still operation, It closed in 1928. The tannery still retains evidence of its tanning vats, and until recently had all of its tanning equipment.

The tannery was built in 1872 by John Richter, an experienced tanner who had worked in tanneries in Accident and in or Meyersdale Pennsylvania. The tannery used getable tannin, obtained from rockoak bark and later hemlock bark, in its operation. The cher's son Adam followed his father into the business but was forced to close the tannery in 1928 after wild fluctuations in the raw hide market made it impossible for small tanneries to buy the proper raw materials. A history and description of the tannery and its methods was published in 1960 in The Glades Star (see item).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Richter's Hand Made Leather, " The Glades Star, V. 2, No. 36 (March 1960), 563-566.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY	
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPER	TIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES
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11 FORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE	
Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of	Mines November 1981
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Shaw House, 21 State Circle	(301) 269-2436 STATE
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John Richter Farm & Tannery Accident (Continued #7 - Description)

the corner of the ell. The barn rests on a stone foundation, is covered with vertical boards and has an asphalt shingle roof.

To the N and E of the tannery are several frame farm buildings.

Chain of Title

G-II-B-216 John Richter Farm & Tannery

205/276 From: Adam J. Richter & Rosa Richter

To: Albert G. Richter

Consideration: \$10.00 "and other good and valuable consideration"

6 parcels -

- 1. One acre, part of the tract "Accident", conveyed to Adam Richter by William M. & Lydia C. Frazee L/F: 52/394, dated 6-11-06.
- 2. 14½ square perches in two strips, part of the tract "Accident", conveyed to Adam Richter by William M. & Lydia C. Frazee L/F: 56/254, dated 10-16-07
- 3. 28 acres, conveyed to Adam Richter by Edwin B. & Mabel S. Boyer L/F: 80/293, dated 7-2-21 excepting 3 plus acres already conveyed to other parties.
- *4. 50 acres, which are Lot #2 of Accident or Flowery Vale
 143 perches, excepting 128 square rods already conveyed to other parties.
 80 perches conveyed to Adam Richter by John L. Richter L/F: 84/289, 3-12-23
 - 5. 34 acres, 142 perches, part of "old Beechley Farm" 38 acres, 74 square rods, excepting 1 acre 14½ square perches already conveyed to other parties. Conveyed to Adam Richter by Harvey J. and Emma M. Speicher L/F: 100/44, dated 10-23-29 and excepting 1½ acres already conveyed to other parties.
 - 6. A parcel of land conveyed by the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and partially reconveyed to them retaining a life interest in parcels one and two for Adam J. and Rosa Richter

Parcel #4:

84/289 From: John L. Richter 3-12-23 To: Adam J. Richter Deed Consideration: \$2500.00

6 parcels -

- A parcel designated "Accident" or "Flowery Vale" lot No. 2, 50 acres, except what was deeded to the Zion Lutheran Church as a burying ground, conveyed to John Richter by Henry Richter L/F: 26/127, dated 10-12-1894
 - 2. 143 perches, once a part of parcel #1, conveyed to John Richter by Henry Richter L/F: 4/589, dated 12-16-1879
 - 3. 80 perches, also once a part of Parcel #1, conveyed to John L. Richter from Henry Richter, L/F: 5/647, dated 6-8-1881
 - 4. One-third interest in two parcels, one of 27 acres, 25 perches, and one of 5½ acres, conveyed to J. L. Richter et al, from John H. Richter and wife. L/F: 49/121, dated 11-30-04

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- 5. Military Lot #3243, conveyed to John L. and Adam Richter from Alexander Haenftling and wife L/F: 40-361, dated 1-28-02
- 6. One third interest in "Richter's Discovery", containing 14-24/100 acres, patented 1-2-07 bearing date 1-12-06 Patent recorded L/F: 1/51 grantor retains use of house and lot he now occupies for as long as he lives

Parcel #1 -

26/127 From: Henry Richter 10-12-1894 To: John L. Richter Deed Consideration: \$800.00

Lot #2 of "Accident" or "Flowery Vale" 50 acres except what was given to Zion Lutheran Chruch as a burying ground---Henry Richter to occupy the house as long as he lives

A1. Co. 14/405 From; John Kaub 4-1-1856 To: Henry Richter

205/567 From: Adam J. & Rosa Richter 8-12-57 To: Albert G. Richter

Deed Consideration: \$10 and "good and valuable sconsideration"

several parcels, included three pieces of land 50 acres, 143 perches

and 89 perches respectively in extent

largest parcel called "Accident" or "Flowery Vale" Lot #2

84/289 From: John L. Richter 3-12-23 To: John L. Richter Deed Consideration: \$2,500.00

"Accident" or "Flowery Vale" Lot #2 - 50 acres

26/127 From: Henry Richter 10-12-1894 To: John R. Richter Deed Consideration: \$800.00

50 acres

A1. Co. H.R.

114/405 From: John Kaub 4-18-1856 To: Henry Richter Deed Marc: 1960

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was accordingly changed the Compton School to the

Hill School. of the first to teach at the cation was Lawrence Green ad spent his school years old site. I taught there dure school year of 1910-11. It ; last one-room school and y largest enrollment. If my v serves me correctly we : students during the year. ailding was literally "burst-

the seams".

~~ebruary 1911 we held entertainment" on a night. A deep snow lay ground and the temperaas frigid. People came in and sleighs from all directhe program consisted of al recitations, declamations, both oral and instrumental he inevitable "newpaper" chronicled the humorous aginary doings of all the people of the community. toberta Getty, the charmter of verses was living at in Grantsville, I asked write something to be read neeting. She responded with which she entitled "The ill Sehool." This poem was in the September 1957 is-The Glades Star. I have ginal manuscript in the own handwriting which donating to The Garrett Historieal Society for Pres-

ug. 11, 1940, the Board of n sold the lot to Edward son of the original , officially came to i long era in the educafe of the community. I d that the frame building o the ground some years the old log building still

Richter's Hand Made Leather

by W. W. Price

where the community swimming the making of leather by hand. pool is located. William Hinchaugh!



Mr. Richter and tannery interior showing tools.

stands. For the hundreds of students and teachers who passed through her doors, only nostalgic memories linger on. This thought was expressed in the closing lines of Mrs. Getty poem:

"When looking back in years to come, no matter what your lot, Your heart will point you back and say, "Be true",

For, next to home, and dearer than any other spot, Your Mars Hill School will ways be to you."

tannery and at the Meyers tan-The tanning of animal hides to nery in Mcyersdale, Pa. His son, make leather was an industry in Adam John, became a tanner, Garrett County until 1928 when working in the family plant as the Richter tannery at Accident a boy, and gaining added experishut down after operating for ence at a large commercial tanfifty-six years. Two others, Boyer nery at Dubois, Pa. We are inand Hinebaugh, had preceded the debted to Mr. A. J. Richter, who Richter tannery at Accident; the still lives on the family farm, for Bover having started around 1800 the following source material on

Hides were tanned by the vegebuilt his tannery before the Civil table tannin method at Richters. War and ran it until about 1884. This tannin was obtained from Before John L. Richter, son of ground rockoak bark, furnished Henry, built his tannery in 1872, to the plant by local farmers behe had worked in the Hinebaugh fore World War I for \$4.50 per cord. Toward the end of their business, Richter had to buy tracts of timber to get their tanbark and substituted hemlock for the rockoak bark they preferred.

> The raw animal hides, even some buffalo hides before 1900, were obtained from wholesale hide dealers, meat packers and local farmers. Sheepskin and lambskin required only about onefourth the time in tanning as haired hides.

Workers laid the fresh hides flat



Adam J. Richter with tar-pot at old Drane house.

when received. heavily salted their raw sides and left them stacked for as long as four months. The salted hides then went into fresh water vats and were soaked at least two days. Tannery vats were built of two-inch lumber, to ground level with the spaces between the vats closely tamped with good elay.

wooden beams, a device built like the floor, to flesh them with curved knives. These knives were about grips for use with both hands.

Resoaked in fresh water, the were split down the line of the spine to make two "sides". Leg and not discarded, as these "findings" made leather for a number of

end-to-end with wooden pegs. These long strips were then steam to power the bark mill and "reeled" through vats of limewater, also to heat water that speeded over a wooden drum hand-cranked up the process of extracting the that pulled the hides into and tannin from the ground bark. out of the limewater daily for six Steam also replaced the laborious days. This hydrated lime solution job of pumping water to the loosened the hair and the hides soaking tanks and pumping the had to be returned to the fresh liquor back by hand to the vats. water for another soaking before dehairing.

Hides were dehaired on the beams with the curved knives. Then they were "bated". Bating was soaking the hides in a solu- of exceptional weight, hardness, tlon of chicken manure and water, and workable to a surface smooth creating a vigorous fermentation as glass. Mr. Richter was an expert for two or three days that removed the lime and softened the shaving knife held in both hands fibers of the sides. After another which was an operation requiring fresh water soaking, the hides accurate judgment and skill to were ready to tan.

Tanning began with "hanging" wherein the sides were hung over wooden racks in a weak solution of tanning liquor. This "hanging" lasted only a few days and the hides had to be hauled out and laid flat in the vats for complete fitted closely together and buried tunning. Between each layer of hides the workmen sprinkled shredded rockoak bark to keep them separated and assure the Workers hauled the hides from liquor reaching all the surfaces. the fresh water, threw them over The hides remained in the tanning vats up to six months, During this an inverted V and movable over time the tanners increased the strength of the liquor. They judged the concentration with a two feet long with wooden end markometer, which was a simple hydrometer.

For the early years of operation, hides came out in two days and Richters ground their bark in an upright roller mill powered by one horse. The horse pulled a pole that neek portions were cut off, but turned gears on the top of the machine as the horse walked round and round it. Strips of bark were fed into the inward-turning Eighty sides were then pinned rollers and erushed. After the boiler was installed Richters used

> When tanned, the hides were shaved to uniform thickness, on a beam with its working surface of lignum vitae wood; a wood imported from Central America and shaver with the straight-bladed hide avold ruining the side

being dressed for the market.

After shaving, the hides were thrown upon seouring table and thoroughly scoured with fresh water, hristle brushes and stonebladed hand tools. This operation was finished with the "slicker", a tool with a steel blade that removed worthless organic tissue that had been loosened in the tanning that it was difficult to keep solutions.

Now the hides were moved to the second floor of the tannery York financiers cornered the and "set out". Working their sur- market, pushed the price of raw faces with various tools, workmen hides, after World War I, to unsquared each side and removed any eurvature remaining from the heights. Then these same interanimal body. Then the squares ests, having bought enormous were "duhbed". A paste of cod-quantities of war surplus leather fish oil and tallow was worked from the army, threw it upon the into the surfaces and assured market and made it impossible to pliability in the finished leather. operate independent tanneries at The dubbed hides were stretched a profit. As a result of this market their full width on square nails manipulation, common cowhide projecting from the overhead joists. Partly dried, the hides came down onto the heavy maple and walnut worktables again and re- it completely impractical to run eeived another coat of Newfound- a small tannery. land codfish oil.

rehung for complete drying.

Sometimes a full year had passshipment.

Ten sides of hide were rolled in heavy shipping paper. This handmade leather from Richter's tannery supplied local users, and their tannery, Mr. Riehter rememwas shipped into Ohio, Missouri, bered Mr. S. F. Matthews, father Nebraska and as far west as Okla- of the late Oaklar attorney and

homa. It was quality leather. Before the tannery shut down, production had reached a yearly volume of between two or three thousand finished hides.

We asked Mr. Richter, who has spent his life on the farm and in the tanning business, why the tanneries shut down. He explained skilled help, to obtain tanbark and other supplies, and that New reasonable and unprofitable that had risen to 38 cm. pound was forced down to 3 cents per pound. Such a situation made

The Richter tannery was origin-After drying a week, each square ally 24 by 72 feet, of hand hewn was laid with the hair side up on timbers, and stood two-story on its the tables and "blackened" with a fieldstone foundation. It was a solution of iron oxide; given a seene of hard work and is the light coat of fish-tallow grease and oldest tannery building in this area. Mr. Richter has many of the hand tools of his trade, and ed since these hides had entered showed us samples of leather he the tannery. When dry, each side had kept for thirty years. This was degreased with the slicker leather, which Grandfather Richter tool on the worktables, and polished might well have described with with clean bristle brushes and pride as "Richter Handgearbeiter woolen rags. They were ready for Leder", for he came from Germany to make Maryland his home, showed its careful preparation and its fine quality.

Among men who once worked in

Company O's Picket



Cornelius Fired a Warning Shot. (Drawing by Gayle Prentice.)

by Ruth and Iret Ashby

1863. The road was full of them Never, in his whole life, had as far as he could see; and he Cornelius Johnson seen as many needed no second look to know horses and riders on the road, as they were Confederates. What he saw riding swiftly toward him could one, lone, Union soldier do that spring morning, April 26th, in such a situation? He had been

Scotland.

rich-colored sheepskin and lamb- chased as a homestead. skin tanned with their wool left. The thong on the tarpot reon; and a wooden tarpot.

leather thong for its handle was dalled Roman workmen from whose found by a friend of Grandfather language came the word "tanare" Richter and given to him. It had and our "oak bark" wholly esfallen from some wagon or stage- senged to making good leather by coach on the National Road. It han

a Mr. Tom Bennie, of Edinburgh, held pinetar and tallow to lubricate the axles of those vehicles Among the objects of interest and was made from one piece shown us by Mr. Richter, was the of wood. Mr. Richter took it along cobbler's bench used by his grand- on our short walk from the tanfather; a pair of calfskin boots nery to see the Drane house, oldmade for his father by Mr. Mor- est frontier house in this region, timer Smouse, at Grantsville, with in which his grandfather first their fine soles pegged to the lived when he came to the Acciuppers with wooden shoepegs; soft, dent community and later pur-

minded me of the thongs used on The wooden tarpot with a sandals in ancient lands, of san-

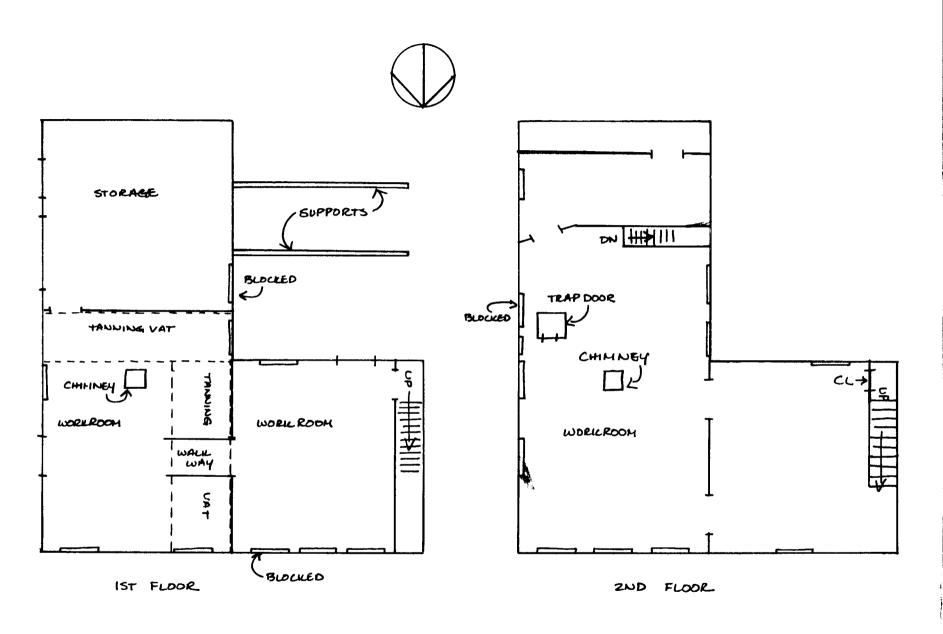
posted at the edge of Oakland picket for Company "O", Si West Virginia Infantry. He v knew that his company was the to protect the Baltimore and O railroad bridges and other pr erty, and even if he was but el teen years old he realized terrible responsibility resting his shoulders.

Confederate raiding parties tried many times to cripple railroad at other points along line, but not until now, after t years of the war had passed they made an appearance in O. land. One of the few military . jectives in Garrett County v located here.

Cornelius was too young know or understand the shre military planning which had ! ceded the sight of these beard fierce looking riders. All he kt was that he had to do somethand he was scared-desperat scared. It is doubtful if he v any more scared than much of nien would have been in the sa predicament.

Scared, or not scared, Corne had a duty to perform. He m warn his comrades of Comp. "O" in town. He may never h heard that, "He who fights : runs away will live to fight other day," but that is just wi he did. He raised his gun fired a warning shot over heads of the riders before tal to his heels across a field tow the shelter of the woods.

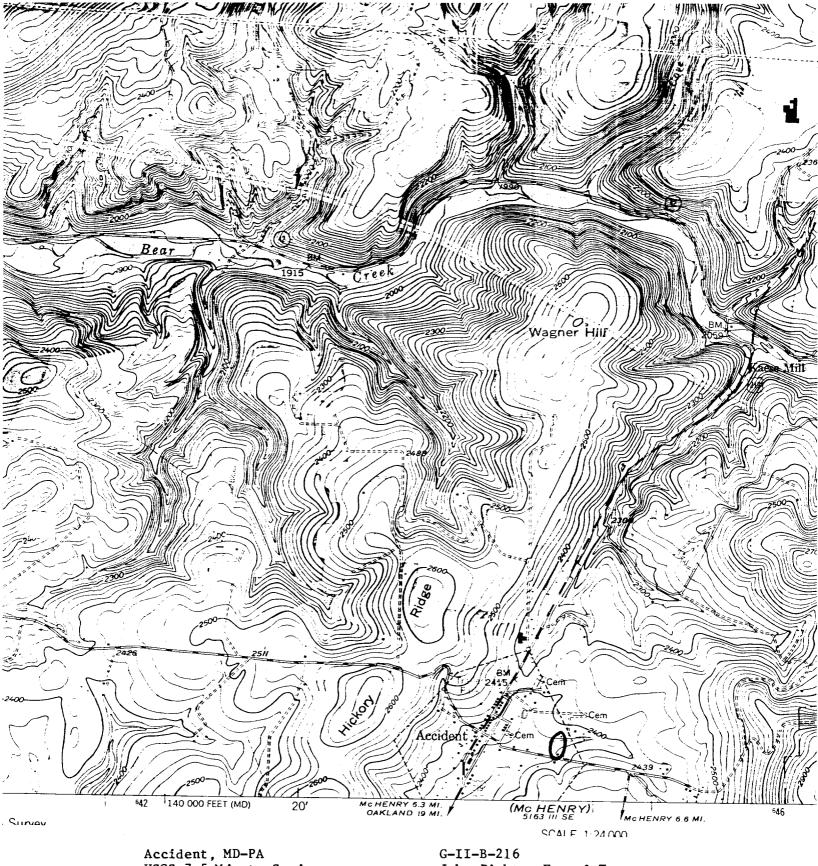
He ran fast, but he had chance of getting away. One the Confederate officers whee his mount from the column gave chase. The officers too! shot at the fleeing lad with cap and ball pistol. The shot the heel off one boot, but



G-II-B - 216 Sketch plan - tannery Not to scale

JOHN PICHTER FARM & TANNERY ACCIDENT - BITTINGER RD GARRETT CO MD

ANN R.F.BURNS SURVEY DATE 6-19-81 PLAN DRAWN 1-13-82



Accident, MD-PA USGS 7.5 Minute Series Scale 1:24,000 1948; photorevised 1974

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John Richter Farm & Tannery
Accident - Bittinger Rd., N side, at
outskirts of town of Accident



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John Richter Farm & Tannery

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And Russia 6/19/81

Ann Burns 6/19/81 W elèv; Facade - S elev.



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John Richter Farm & Tannery
Garrett Co., MD
Ann Burns 6/19/81
N & W elevs.



John Richter Farm & Tannery Garrett Co., MD Ann Burns 6/19/81 Tannery - E & N elevs.

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Ann Burns 6/19/81
Tannery - W & S elevs.



John Richter Farm & Tannery Garrett Co., MD Ann Burns 6/19/81 Tannery int: 1st floor

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John Richter Farm & Tannery Garrett Co., MD Ann Burns 6/19/81 Tannery int: soak pit, 1st fl.

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G-II-B-216 John Richter Farm & Tannery Garrett Co., MD Ann Burns 6/19/81 Barn: S elev.